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ZAMA ; AMEMB SEOUL DATE 100500 Z MAR 73 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJ: KOREA- JAPAN SUBMARINE CABLE

REF : AMEMB TOKYO 2151 CONF MSG DTG 231140 Z FEB 73

1. AS OUTLINED IN REF, AN AGREEMENT EXISTS WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE
REFUND OR CREDIT TO U. S. FORCES OF A PORTION OF FUNDS PAID TO
NTTPC FOR U. S. USAGE OF UNDERSEAS CABLES BETWEEN JAPAN AND KOREA.
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE SUM TO BE REFUNDED OR CREDITED IS
DEPENDENT ON THE LOCATION OF THE MIDPOINT OF THE CABLE BETWEEN
JAPAN AND KOREA. THE CABLE ROUTE CROSSES TSUSHIMA ISLAND BEFORE
REACHING KOREA MAINLAND.

2. THE LOCATION OF THE CABLE MIDPOINT IS A MATTER FOR RESOLUTION
BETWEEN GOJ AND ROK. WHEN THIS MATTER IS SETTLED WE WILL ACCEPT
THE REFUND OR CREDIT.

3. NOTHING IN USFJ FILES INDICATES THAT THE FUNDS REFUNDED OR
CREDITED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE GIVEN
ROKG. FROM USE OF THE WORDS " OR CREDITED" IT COULD BE INFERRED
THE INTENTION WAS TO TAKE A CREDIT AGAINST THE CURRENT
CONTRACT BETWEEN ARMY PROCUREMENT AGENCY (APA) AND NTTPC
EXISTING AT THE TIME OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOJ AND ROKG OR
SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE CABLE. AT NO TIME
HAS USG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT HAS ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO THE
ROKG ARISING FROM U. S. USE OF THESE CABLES.

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4. AN NTTPC LETTER DEN- TOKU- EI NO440 DATED OCTOBER 9, 1967 ADDRESSED TO THE APA, CONTRACTING OFFICER, MR JACK V WINDSOR IS QUOTED IN PART: "2. AMOUNT OF THE CHARGES FOR THE JAPAN-KOREA SUBMARINE CABLES PAID BY THE U. S. FORCES AFTER AUGUST 1, 1954 IS AS FOLLOWS: (1) ON GUAD BASE (BETWEEN FUKUOKA AND PUSAN) Y 509,375,870. (2) ON CHANNEL BASE (BETWEEN TOKYO AND PUSAN AND BETWEEN NAGOYA AND PUSAN) Y 110,268,000". THE SAME AGREEMENT WHICH SPECIFIED THE RETURN OR CREDIT OF FEES PAID FOR THE UNDERSEAS CABLE USAGE ALSO SPECIFIED THAT NTTPC WOULD NOT REFUND TO THE U. S. FORCES THE CHARGES (FOR INTEREST AND DEPRECIATION) BETWEEN APRIL 28, 1952 TO JULY 31, 1954.

5. THE REF PARA 5 REQUESTED THE TOTAL AMOUNT FEES PAID TO NTTPC 19 52 TO 1963. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE FEES PAID WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO REFUND OR CREDIT ARE DESIRED. THE FIGURES IN PARA 4 ABOVE ARE NTTPC FIGURES AND HAVE NOT BEEN VERIFIED OR AGREED TO BY THE USG. THE TOTAL FEES PAID TO NTTPC FOR ALL SERVICES IS NOT IN QUESTION AND IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE SUBMARINE CABLE PROBLEM.

6. COPIES OF PERTINENT FILES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE AMEMBASSY TOKYO THROUGH U. S. FORCES JAPAN J6.

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